

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are presently pending. In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, subjecting Claims 1 - 20 to a restriction or election requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I.

In addition, in response to the request for the selection of a patentably distinct species, Applicant hereby selects the fluid cleaning system species of Fig. 3 (Species F2) and the evaporation surface species of Fig. 10 (Species E3) for prosecution.

The above-referenced Office Action lists evaporation surface species E1-E4 as corresponding to Figs. 2-5, respectively. However, species E1-E4 should correspond to Figs. 8-11, respectively.

Claims 12 and 13 were amended and now read upon the elected species. Claims 21 and 22 are relatively generic claims. The claims readable upon the elected species (F2 and/or E3) are Claims 1-15 and Claims 21 and 22.

The present Application is believed to be in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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